# Germany's Word to Another Scrap of Paper

America Sees an Unchanged Enemy Who Will Obev Force Alone

sions as to its significance. The strictly restricted and conditional fellowship in the family of nations." words of Germany in announcing her decision to sign unconditionally -"yielding to force"-have been puts the idea: taken as a promise of what lies repentant and that the German people will feel no obligation to carry out the terms of the peace. A dis-Majority Socialist organ:

"Extortionate pressure renders sig-

tion with a statement that the treaty enemy, is a fine gesture. is signed under duress—a statement which carries the implication that the

## Allies Hold Mortgage

This time the world holds a mortgage for the obligation, against which no promises to meet. German reservations will hold. Though Along the same lines is an edimay seek to void the treaty on the Times": nd of duress, the interpretation "The sinking of substantially the and the enforcement of the contract entire fleet of interned German naval

ant to be forgotten soon. And the relied on.

EACE, at hand or soon to fulfilled if any loophole shall be found come, has stirred no enthu- for evasion or escape. Germany has siasm in America. It has forfeited the respect and confidence of been greeted without illu- mankind. She is readmitted to a

Or, as "The Washington Post"

"The arrangement about to be made ahead. The Scapa Flow incident with Germany is a war pact of enemies, was taken as confirming the view not a peace between friends. The Gerthat Germany is unchanged and un-

The Scapa Flow scuttling is cited patch from Berlin gives this frank many other papers, to reinforce the quotation from "Vorwarts," the view that moral reformation is still far from Germany:

"The incident at Scapa Flow, folnature of the treaty worthless. We lowed by similar sinkings of German must never forget it is only a scrap of warships at Kiel, comes conveniently paper. Treaties based on violence can to remind us of the difficulties we are keep their validity only so long as likely to have in the enforcement of force exists. Do not lose hope. The just reparations and the finding of just guarantees for the future. The This is the precise prediction and by "The Boston Transcript," alone regrets it, since the Allies may which discusses the legal aspects of add the value of the lost ships to the indemnity, and thinks that this may "But does it assure the loyal per- be too much to pay for a fine gesture. formance of the terms of the treaty That is it exactly. To a German, the by the German nation? Manifestly destruction of property to be surrennot unless the Allied military and dered in partial reparation, destrucnaval pressure is continued. The Ger- tion accomplished by taking advantage man government accompanies its ac- of the confidence or the laxity of an

signers will feel themselves at liberty "Unless we want to have intensive to repudiate its terms as soon as they sabotage applied to the treaty terms, are strong enough to do so. Under the allied military commands and Repthe common law, a contract entered arations Commission will have to be into by duress is voidable at the option more alert than were the British naval of one of the parties. This makes the authorities at Scapa Flow. We have treaty, so far as German faith is con- beaten the Germans; they have now cerned, a scrap of paper in advance, promised to pay. But they are the same Germans; the moral reformation which so many of us hoped for two "However, the matter does not in Vears ago seems no nearer than ever.
Until it comes, it is for the governfact rest in a situation so comfortable Until it comes, it is for the govern-for the Germans as that. We now ments and peoples of the allied nations know all about German scraps of paper. to see that Germany does not evade the time the world holds a mortisgue.

the German government, or some other, torial in "The Pittsburgh Gazette-

rest with the Allies. Germany will vessels by the crews is indisputable not have the power to scrap the treaty. evidence that the Hun is still defiant even if she has the disposition; and and unrepentant. That such wholeso long as London and Paris hold to-gether (even leaving Washington and Rome out of the account) Germany will have no opportunity to regain the power that would enable her to repudiate the contract."

so mild a term may be applied, in the armistice terms which did not permit diate the contract."

so mild a term may be applied, in the armistice terms which did not permit did not permi This realization that the task of imputed to the Huns. The deed illus- Says "The Cleveland Plain honor which was sadly misapplied was not to any merit of the vanquished." the Allies is only begun is expressed trates the perfidious character of the Dealer": universally. Says "The Philadelphia defeated foe, That it should be "It was a useless and silly perform-Public Ledger," a strong advocate of brought about at the very time the ance. Great Britain does not need the German people beg for mercy in the German dreadnoughts. Without them "The world will hail with heartfelt peace terms demonstrates that in deal- she is amply able to handle any naval joy the signing of the peace, but the ing with the Huns no consideration of question. In fact, the disposition of the scars are too deep, the losses too poign- honor or fidelity to promise can be German ships was a point of uncer-

world will for a long time to come be "The incident should have some conference advocated sending the ships compelled to stand on guard against bearing on the admission of Germany to the bottom of the sea, and at one further treachery and bad faith on the to the league of nations in case the time it was announced that this depart of Germany. No one is deceived latter becomes an entity. It may also cision had actually been reached. into the belief that the terms of the impress those who have expressed fears At Scapa Flow peace have been accepted in any chas- lest Germany be overloaded in the tened spirit by the German govern- peace terms that any punishment that ment or people, and no one imagines might be prescribed would be deserved that the terms of the treaty will be and anything less than full reparation

It Doesn't Seem to Fly

tainty. Many members of the peace

"The German sailors acted theatrically and dishonorably, but they in no degree advantaged Germany. They did nothing heroic. The sole result of their foolishness is the renewed impression that Germans cannot be

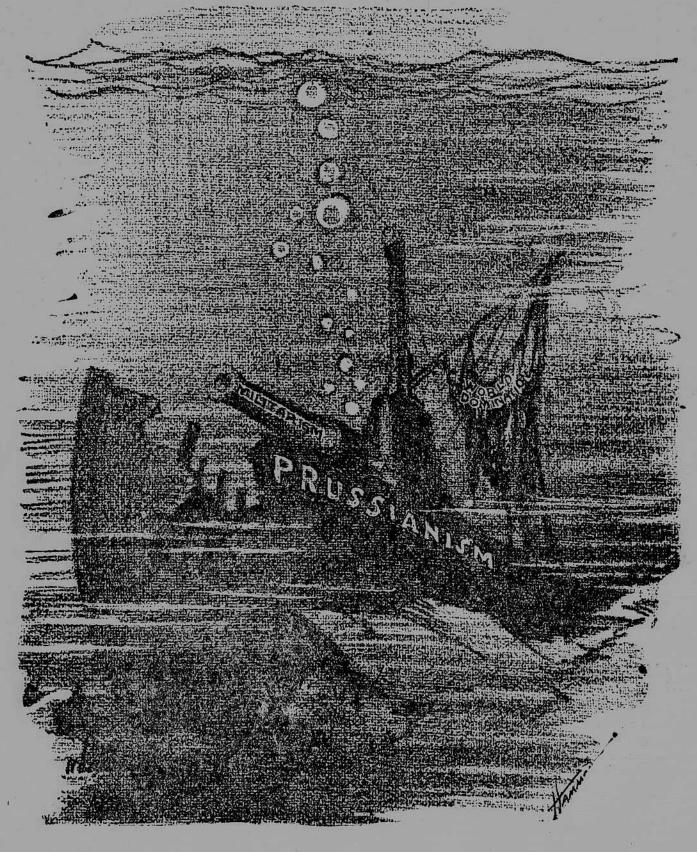
"The affair at Scapa Flow will be remembered. No one is very angry about it, and no one is at all impressed by the display of German dulness and twisted reasoning. It will be remembered as Germany's final attempt to do something terrific and unexpected and as the futile anti-climax of Germany's determination to astound and stun the

"The Charleston News and Courier" hopes that the incident will awaken those persons who seem to think that Germany is now a sucking dove:

## Peace Harder Than War

"The incident impresses one less as an act of open treachery than as an example of the extraordinary mingling of stupidity and super-subtlety, of crass realism and exaggerated legalism, of rights and necessities with which of rights and necessities with which of rights and necessities with which of rights are necessities with which of rights are necessities and necessities are necessities and necessities with which of rights are necessities and necessities with which necessities are necessities and necessities are necessities are necessities are necessities and necessities are necessities are necessities are necessities and necessities are necessities are necessities are n the world has had to deal from the be- "The Springfield Republican" is years from now, may not find in an peace"."

Speaking of Scuttling-



-From The Philadelphia Evening Ledger

## The Root Reservations

.From Elihu Root's letter to Senator Lodge:

HE Senate of the United States advises and consents to the ratification of the said treaty with the following reservations and understandings to be made a part of the instrument of ratification, viz.:

1. In advising and consenting to the ratification of the said treaty the Senate reserves and excludes from its consent the tenth article of the covenant for the league of nations, as to which the Senate refuses its consent.

2. The Senate consents to the ratification of the said treaty, reserving Article X aforesaid, with the understanding that whenever two years' notice of withdrawal from the league of nations shall have been given, as provided in Article I, no claim, charge or finding that international obligation or obligations under the covenant have not been fulfilled will be deemed to render the two years' notice ineffectual or to keep the power giving the notice in the league after the expiration of the time specified in

3. Inasmuch as in agreeing to become a member of the league of nations the United States of America is moved by no interest or wish to intrude upon or interfere with the political policy or international administration of any foreign state, and by no existing or anticipated dangers in the affairs of the American continents, but accedes to the wish of the European states that it shall join its power to theirs for the preservation of said treaty, excepting Article X aforesaid, with the understanding that nothing contained therein shall be construed to imply a relinquishment by the United States of America of its traditional attitude toward purely American questions, or to require the submission of its policy regarding questions which it deems to be purely American questions to the decision or recommendation of

on the Allies' hands. What does matter is the fact that the Germans were miliation of surrender, the act would be a controlled the controlled ter is the fact that the Germans were miliation of surrender, the act would been effected: eager and able to carry out this coup have been human and understandable. in violation of the terms of the armis- To wait until the 'expiration' of the "The surrender is unconditional and of the admiral, and the newspapers tice, that their word is not to be armistice, as the German rear admiral the most tremendous treaty in history cry 'peace.'

tice, that their word is not to be armistice, as the terman rear admiral trusted now any more than in 1914, did, and then to sink the ships during is to be signed at once, perhaps tothat they are still ready to treat their a sort of constructive recess when morrow. But does it mean a peace of solemn engagements as mere scraps there was no armistice and there was reconciliation such as was hoped for? "In India the cry for freedom is an yet no peace, and therefore the ships The signs are not wholly hopeful, swered with volleys of bullets and in had presumably reverted to their for- Even in the note agreeing to sign the Ireland with prison sentences and tor-Also, according to "The New York Such incidents will recur; and it will a 'peace of violence.' There is no rea-Evening Post," the act "is an filus- be for the Allies to decide in each case son to suppose that they have altered starving in Russia because of the Altration of one of the problems which whether Germany is violating the in the least the view fully expressed lied blockade, and the newspapers cry the Allied powers will have to face treaty with forethought or whether she in the reservations which the Allies 'peace.' in the execution of the treaty. And is only fulfilling the treaty according declined to consider. . . .

"The incident impresses one less tasks of peace will be harder than the under compulsion what it considers a only in the graves of those who died

the spirit in which it is signing must landing save in a wreck. give rise to misgivings."

## Radicals Are Scornful

the same direction, calling the peace ity would be exceedingly remote that question which he has offered Mr. a mockery and seeing only wars to the conditions it prescribed would ever Root has done a great service to his

ing from "The New York Call": blazoned forth in streamers across tions see to it that the covenant be berrassing and dangerous complicatheir front pages. This journalistic ratified without any qualifications, tions." outburst was occasioned by the news that the German government at Weimar had communicated its willingness to sign the peace imposed upon it by the Allies. And yet the news was not greeted with a joyous outburst; it awoke no glad response. For the people know that, though their newspapers may shout 'peace,' there is no peace anywhere in the world to-day, but the unnamable horrors of war. War, not here, nor there, but throughout the face of the globe.

"Twenty-three wars are raging, according to an estimate of the British Minister, Churchill, and the news-papers cry 'peace.' The White Terror lemands its sacrifices in Finland, and the anti-Semitic horror in Poland, and "The destruction of the ships matters little; they were a white elephant had sunk their warships before the extreme radicals which still regrets the newspapers cry 'peace." Kolchak's death train is shuttled back and forth on the Transsibation Railway and 1907 are repeated in the government

that problem is the German mind. to the laws of German thought. The "A nation, any matter, accepting long will there be war. There is peace

# Root to the Rescue

Republicans Agree, Democrats Jeer

HE SENATE fight on the however remote or improbable might league shifted ground dur- be any actual limitations on the working the week as a result of ings of the league which those quali-Elihu Root's entry upon the fications might impose." the Knox resolution had of passage

The Democratic comment has been opposition but raise little criticism composed of jeers and further attacks upon the motives of the Republican Senators. At the extreme Philadelphia Public Ledger": of extravagant condemnation is "The New York World," which damns manoeuvres of the Lodge-Knox-Boris the Root reservations quite as heartily as it did the Knox proposal to disinterested patriotism and that parseparate treaty and league:

ister mental reservations! Partyism with reservations and explanations as in the Senate is advised to accept the an adroit way of meeting legitimats treaty with reservations as to the criticisms of certain details of the League of Nations which are designed league project without destroying it or not only to render it inoperative but putting the United States in the posiare well calculated to give German tion of delaying the peace or of parting

"Thus the possible perady at Weimar "Concerning the method which Mr. is well matched by the blatantly adver- Root proposes, it is to be said at once tised perfidy at Washington. German that there is no legal objection. It is with Republican party reservations.

Both are in the interest of war. Both within the power of one of the conmake peace a matter of doubt—a question not of conscience or of humanity standing which it holds of any am-

Other Democratic papers agree as reserves. Nor could there be any great to the partisan motives of the Re- harm if the Senate were to insist, for publican Senators, but take a much example, upon a clearer and sharper milder view of the Root proposal, definition of purely American questions which they conceive as merely a reserved for American judisdiction." scheme for saving the face of the Root's Great Service Republican opposition. Says "The Louisville Courier-Journal":

has acquitted himself in the emergency as well as could have been expected Philadelphia Press": of anybody. He has furnished a face- "The President by purposely intersaver. The league covenant cannot be weaving the league of nations coven good in it-but its

ous harm, for even should the qualify- lishment of peace. The radical press goes further in ing resolution be adopted the probabil- "In the solution of a troublesome follow soon. Typical is the follow-ing from "The New York Call":

arise to affect materially the operation party and to his country. The major-of the league.

ground. Whatever chance tude of a number of independent was ended by Mr. Root's proposed papers which have been strong adwas ended by Mr. Root's proposed alternative of ratification with resiterate their criticism of Republican of the reservations proposed. Typ-

tisanism did not enter into their pro-"Unfortunately for mankind, the gramme to tear up the peace treaty German worshippers of the old order and to delay indefinitely any settleare not alone. Every nation has its ment in the framing f which Presreactionaries, but outside of Germany ident Wilson has had a hand. But so they have no such power for mischief imperative does the country regard the as in the United States Senate. The early completion of the peace and the attitude of partisans in that body pre- establishment of some sort of league sents almost as many elements of bad of nations to stand in the way of anfaith as are to be witnessed in Ger- other world war that there will be a many. Junkertum east of the Rhine general disposition to regard with ap-'accepts the treaty,' but with what sin- proval Mr. Root's plan of a ratification

treachery free rein and betray the na. I company with our comrades in arms." tions with which we have been asso- In a similar vein is "The New York Evening Post," which, after jeering at the Republican Senators for almost a column, says:

mental reservations go hand in hand n accord with good precedent. At the or of faith, but of the caucus and the biguous terms, or to lay down the rights and duties which it expressly

The Republican comment is wholly "It must be conceded that Mr. Root A typical opinion is that of "The

beaten-it should not be beaten, for nant into the very texture of the peace eaty has done what he could to put opponents in the Senate can conscien- the opponents of the covenant, colloembittered Germany a useful instru- tiously vote for it with a qualifying quially speaking, 'in a hole.' As they ment for new ambitions? Nor can it resolution registering the conditions on are not able to separate the two instrube said that the signing by the new- which objections to it are withdrawn, ments they cannot vote against the born German republic of a treaty against which the nation is so bitter "The device would accomplish its end. covenant with its serious significant without voting against the treaty that promises well for the stability of the the wild airmen of the Senate a para- is to give peace to the world. It is an government or for the future of de. chute in which they could descend to unpleasant dilemma, but Mr. Root in mocracy in Germany. That Germany earth from a crazy battleplane now his letter to Senator Lodge shows how signs the treaty is cause for gratitude; beyond all control and hopeless of the treaty may be approved and the true attitude of this country in regard "The parachute will serve its pur- to the league of nations stated withpose, but it will hardly work any seri- out delaying the much desired estab-

ity of the Senate ought not to houstate "'Peace' yesterday afternoon's papers sincere advocates of the League of Na-peace with honor-peace without em-"Nevertheless, it will be well that the to adopt it, for it offers the country



-From The Louisville Courier-Journal